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**ATTENTION: BOX AFTER FINAL
RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 1653**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Zhang et al.) Group Art Unit: 1653
Application No.: 09/493,545) Examiner: Hope A. Robinson
Filed: February 28, 2000)
For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS)
FOR HEALING AND REPAIR OF)
ARTICULAR CARTILAGE)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In reply to the final Office Action dated January 23, 2003, the period for reply having been extended to July 23, 2003 by a Petition for Extension of Time and fee filed herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants request entry of the following amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 7 and 14 as follows:

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